

### ***Taxation, Revenues and Cost Shifting***

***Issue: York County asks that the General Assembly maintain the vital state and local partnership***

- ***Position:*** York County supports a thorough reassessment of Virginia's current tax structure, but opposes using tax restructuring efforts as a vehicle for shifting additional costs and/or service demands to localities.
- ***Request:*** Provide local governments with more direct tax authority and enact legislation directing that 5% of state income tax revenues be returned to localities.

***Issue: Real Estate Tax Rate*** Do not restrict local government's ability to apply the real estate tax rate.

***Issue: VDOT—Revenue Sharing*** Maintain the revenue sharing program so that counties have at least \$1 million in state funding available annually.

***Issue: Support for Tourism*** Tourism is critical to Virginia's economy. Provide adequate funding for Tourism promotion and marketing

***Issue: Funding Partnerships for Critical Services***

- Restore the reductions in funding in the Virginia Juvenile Crime Control Act made by the 2002 General Assembly.
- Mental Health Funding. The Commonwealth drastically reduced residential care for adults and virtually eliminated adolescent beds and does not provide adequate funding for community-based services.
  - ◆ Fund mental health counseling in local Juvenile Detention Centers.
  - ◆ Direct DMHMRSAS to work with DJJ to establish a juvenile corrections/forensics unit.
- Medicaid is a federal/state-funded program. Oppose any local match for Medicaid.
- Stop the practice of transferring Emergency Medical Services funds generated through the \$4 for Life program to the State's General Fund.
- Increase funding to localities for the costs of administering the CSA.
- Increase funding for the State's Small Business Development Center Network by \$1 million.
- Provide full funding for State Aid to Public Libraries, Constitutional Officers, Juvenile and Adult Corrections and other areas of shared responsibility.

***Issue: Consolidated Telecommunications Taxes and Fees***

- ***Request:*** Oppose any legislation that will reduce the local ability to assess taxes and fees on telecommunications services.

***Issue: Areas of concern and requests for careful study of:***

- ***De-regulation of Electricity*** – Maintain the SCC's oversight and approval of electrical rates to assure affordable residential and commercial electrical service and to continue Virginia's competitive position for economic development.
- ***Personal Property Tax Relief Act*** – Provide funding sufficient to maintain the State's share of Personal Property Tax Relief at its current level.

### ***Traffic Safety***

***Issue: "Photo-red" Traffic Signal Enforcement*** Include York County in legislation authorizing localities to have "photo red" traffic signal enforcement.

***Issue: New Classes of Small Motorized Vehicles*** Request authority to regulate the operation of motorized skateboards and scooters, electric motor-powered mini-bikes, and similar devices which do not currently fall within statutory definitions of various kinds of motor vehicles.

### ***Local Authority***

***Issue: Taxing Authority*** Study the feasibility of a Homestead Exemption with a means test.

***Issue: Eminent Domain*** Sustain local government's right to use eminent domain for traditional public purposes.

***Issue: Removal of Certain Appointed Members of Local Boards and Commissions*** Allow local governing bodies the discretion to remove members of the Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, and Wetlands Board if the member misses any three meetings in a row, or four meetings in any 12-month period.